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Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows.

Disclosed is a \underline{A} method for image processing that ean compensate compensates for inconsistent edge detection, wherein: the \underline{A} field of view of a stereo camera is segmented in the form of a matrix by angle and by measured range value based on parallax; matrix data is calculated for a segment where a detected edge exists, and also for segments surrounding the segment, the calculated matrix data \underline{is} then being assigned to each of the segments; \underline{and} a search is \underline{made} performed through the assigned matrix data to find a segment that has matrix data exceeding a predetermined threshold value, $\underline{\cdot}$ and if \underline{ff} the detected edge exists in the thus found segment, edge data of the edge is taken to represent the position of an object.